A.—Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO (Minister for Law and Education).—

(*a*) (i) No.
(ii) No.

(*b*) If the Management fail to comply with the provisions of the Act in the matter of payment of compensation to retrenched workers within reasonable time, action will have to be taken to prosecute them under Section 31 (2) of the Industrial Disputes Act for contravention of 25-F of the said Act (as amended by Act 43 of 1953).

Sri D. VENKATESH.—May I know whether the Government have received any representation in this regard ?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—Yes.

Sri D. VENKATESH.—Will the Government consider it necessary to take action ?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—Necessary action will be taken. That is what has been stated in the reply.

Sri R. ANANTARAMAN.—How many workers are there in the T. R. Mills ?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—Notice.

Enforcement of the provisions of Factories Act re : *benefits to employees.*

Q.—89. Sri D. VENKATESH (Gandhinagar).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

the number of visits paid by the Inspector of Factories and his deputies to the industrial establishments in the State since January 1952 and the action taken by them ?

A.—Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO (Minister for Law and Education).—

Number of visits paid to the Industrial Establishments by—

During the year	Chief Inspector of Factories	Factory Inspector, Bangalore Division
1951-52 ...	102	539
1952-53 ...	173	479
1953-54 to the end of November 1953.	67	321

During the year	Factory Inspector, Mysore Division	Factory Inspector, Shimoga Division	Inspectress of Factories
1951-52 ...	148	98	Nil
1952-53 ...	230	520	97
1953-54 to the end of November 1953.	186	106	Nil

Every step is being taken to enforce the provisions of the Factories Act, 1948 (Central Act LXIII of 1948) to secure all the benefits due to the workers as per law and where persistent infractions are observed, penal action is being taken against the defaulters under the provisions of law.

Sri D. VENKATESH.—May I know why in spite of the visits made by the Inspector of Factories, the benefits due to the workers as per law have not been implemented ? A majority of the concerns have not implemented the benefits relating to welfare, working facilities, first aid, canteen, etc.

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—One or other defect may be found in one or other industry and we are trying our best to see that the provisions of the law are enforced.